

Children, Youth, and Family Services

FUNCTION

The functions of the Children, Youth, and Family Services programs are to provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services to children and their families with mental health, substance abuse, or behavioral problems. Preventive and protective services for children who are abused, their families, foster parents, and adoptive parents are offered. The service area also administers school-based health services to students in Montgomery County Public Schools.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

This program provides treatment to children who have serious mental health or behavioral problems. Services include mental health assessments, outpatient treatment, specialized case management, play therapy, therapeutic recreation, and behavioral management.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	1,276,490	8.7
Enhance: Psychiatric services	74,870	0.5
Increase Cost: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration grant services	10,140	0.0
Shift: Psychiatrist from Juvenile Justice	142,630	0.5
Shift: Program Manager II from Children and Youth Community program	104,650	1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	-3,140	0.2
FY04 Approved	1,605,640	10.9

Children and Youth Community Services

This program provides for the delivery of community services through contracts with a number of private agencies in the community. Services provided through this program include respite care, community empowerment efforts, single-parent family services, youth centers, and family outreach efforts. The program also provides for the coordination, planning, and implementation of a number of key interagency initiatives among public and private agencies to meet the needs of children, youth, and their families.

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	1,605,640	10.9
Children and Youth Community Services	1,281,110	2.2
Child Welfare Services	15,034,940	194.7
Conservation Corps	698,220	27.8
Linkages to Learning	3,123,890	7.6
Educational Alternatives	374,560	1.0
School Health Services	11,832,070	188.2
Community Partnership/Community Kids	12,849,680	15.0
Juvenile Justice Services	1,604,790	15.8
Service Area Administration	227,440	2.0
Totals	48,632,340	465.2

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	1,681,030	4.3
Shift: ARC of Montgomery County contract funding to Respite Care program	-148,420	0.0
Shift: Program Manager II to Child and Adolescent Mental Health program	-104,650	-1.0
Shift: Program Manager position to Community Partnership program	-57,530	-1.0
Eliminate: After-school tutoring and mentoring program	-51,000	0.0
Shift: Jump Start Girls/Adelante Ninas youth empowerment and leadership training program funding to the Community Grants NDA	-47,000	0.0
Eliminate: Contract prevention and early intervention counseling services for elementary and middle school children	-41,290	0.0
Reduce: Various Youth Service Center contracts and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Contract	-17,350	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	67,320	-0.1
FY04 Approved	1,281,110	2.2

Child Welfare Services

This program provides preventive, rehabilitative, supportive, protective, and remedial services for children who are maltreated and for their families, foster parents, and adoptive parents. Child foster care, adoption, protective services, and in-home aide services are also provided through this program. Family Preservation Services provide social services to families with children who are at risk of removal from home due to neglect or abuse.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	14,823,950	187.2
Increase Cost: Lapse adjustment	120,150	2.5
Increase Cost: Stand-by and overtime pay to better reflect actual expenditures	4,080	0.0
Shift: Principal Administrative Aides from Juvenile Justice, Regional Services and Accountability and Customer Service	118,420	2.5
Shift: Manager III position from Juvenile Justice	98,890	1.0
Shift: Therapist II position from the Juvenile Justice Child and Adolescent Forensic Evaluation Services (CAFES) program	66,500	1.0
Shift: Workforce allocation to add three Community Service Aides and abolish two Social Worker positions	2,020	1.0
Reduce: HB669 operating costs	-359,260	0.0
Reduce: Maryland Center for Assault Prevention (MCAP) program funding (-\$139,110) and shift remaining \$147,000 to the Community Grants NDA	-286,110	0.0
Increase Cost: HB669 operating costs	18,480	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	427,820	-0.5

FY04 Approved**15,034,940 194.7****Conservation Corps**

This program seeks to increase the employability of out-of-school, at-risk 17 to 23 year old youth by providing opportunities for personal growth, education, and training. Corps members perform conservation, landscape, and carpentry projects. Program participants also build trails, homeless shelters, handicap access ramps, and run a recycling program.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	872,720	34.6
Reduce: Conservation Corps program by reducing administrative positions and number of Corpsmembers from 25 to 22	-200,460	-6.9
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	25,960	0.1
FY04 Approved	698,220	27.8

Linkages to Learning

This program is a collaborative effort of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools, and various private agencies which provides services to students and families to improve performance in the school, home, and community. Children and their families can obtain social services, health, and mental health care, in addition to educational support at MCPS sites.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	3,077,670	7.7
Shift: Family services operating costs from Juvenile Justice	84,180	0.0
Increase Cost: Annualization of Linkages to Learning program expansion	60,420	0.0
Shift: Voices vs Violence education and advocacy program to the Community Grants NDA	-71,400	0.0
Decrease Cost: Elimination of one-time costs associated with new Maryvale Elementary School site added in FY03	-24,860	0.0
Decrease Cost: Sharp Street program contract	-15,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	12,880	-0.1
FY04 Approved	3,123,890	7.6

Educational Alternatives

This program provides treatment for children and their families by offering a therapeutic and academic setting for adolescents with drug and alcohol abuse, conduct disorders, and other emotional problems in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools. Recreation and adventure-based intervention therapy for children and adolescents to help develop alternatives to substance abuse and other self-destructive behavior is provided. This program also includes a therapeutic nursery, a

family-oriented treatment in a school setting for preschoolers with emotional or behavioral disorders.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	771,320	7.5
Reduce: Alternative education expenses by eliminating The Other Way School program and adding contract therapeutic services for alternative education programs	-418,930	-6.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	22,170	-0.5
FY04 Approved	374,560	1.0

School Health Services

This program provides school-based health services to students in Montgomery County Public Schools. Services include emergency care; crisis intervention; referral for medical, psychological, and behavioral conditions; and health counseling and education. The program coordinates the health components of Head Start. It also administers the School Health Services Center, which provides services to students and families who have recently immigrated, as well as the health services at the school-based health centers.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	10,890,780	180.6
Shift: Funding for School Health at 18 Extended Learning Opportunity summer school sites (previously MCPS grant funded)	52,380	0.8
Increase Cost: School Health personnel costs to better reflect actual expenditures	279,760	4.1
Shift: Manager II position from Community Health Nursing	113,720	1.0
Shift: a Management and Budget Specialist from Early Childhood Services to School Health Services	104,290	1.0
Decrease Cost: School Health administrative staff	-42,270	-1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	433,410	1.7
FY04 Approved	11,832,070	188.2

Community Partnership/Community Kids

This program manages grant-funded efforts to restructure the delivery of children, youth, and family services into an integrated system. The services are family focused and community based. The Community Partnership program components include the return of children from out-of-state placements, the diversion of out-of-state placements for children at risk, and family preservation services preventing unnecessary out-of-home placement of children. The Community Kids program coordinates a broad mix of services for young people with severe emotional disturbances within targeted communities. The program supports community efforts to integrate child and family-service agencies into a local,

family-centered, culturally diverse system of care.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	12,225,910	22.0
Add: Youth Strategies Consolidated grants	539,500	0.0
Add: Mid-County Neighborhood Initiative-Direct Services grant	200,000	0.0
Enhance: Community Partnership grant	138,390	-8.0
Reduce: SAMHSA Services to Children grant	-261,690	1.0
Shift: Community Partnership After School Activities Program Grant to the Recreation Department	-38,930	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	46,500	0.0
FY04 Approved	12,849,680	15.0

Juvenile Justice Services

This program participates in implementing the County's comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan by integrating screening, assessment, forensic evaluations, case tracking, and treatment. The program serves youth involved in, or at risk for involvement in, the juvenile justice system, including the substance abuse system. HHS works in partnership with the Police Department Family Services Division, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice, the Juvenile Division of the District Court, and other relevant agencies.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	1,682,530	19.1
Add: Youth Strategies Case Management grant	220,000	0.0
Increase Cost: Miscellaneous Community Mental Health grant changes	162,620	2.0
Shift: Funding for a portion of a Program Manager I position from Children and Youth Community Services	46,500	0.0
Eliminate: Child and Adolescent Forensic Evaluation Services (CAFES) and shift Psychiatrist to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Therapist II to Child Welfare	-363,770	-3.0
Shift: Manager II position to Addiction Services Coordination	-132,100	-1.0
Shift: Manager III position to Child Welfare Services	-98,890	-1.0
Decrease Cost: Miscellaneous grant adjustments	-27,170	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	115,070	-0.3
FY04 Approved	1,604,790	15.8

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Children, Youth, and Family Services.

FY04 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY03 Approved	218,360	1.8
Shift: Executive Administrative Aide from Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse programs	75,570	1.0
Increase Cost: Net overtime redistribution and lapse adjustments	7,760	0.0
Decrease Cost: Abolish Executive Administrative Aide position in Children, Youth and Families	-75,570	-1.0
Decrease Cost: Due to savings associated with hiring a new Service Area Chief	-22,370	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, and changes due to staff turnover	23,690	0.2
FY04 Approved	227,440	2.0